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Extend the powers of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland, to enable them to acquire by Compulsory Purchase Land in the vicinity of Congested Districts in Ireland. A.D. 1898.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

Incorporation of Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts.

1. For the purpose of the acquisition of land by the Congested Districts Board in Ireland, the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts shall be incorporated with this Act.

Application to Land Commission.

2. If the Congested Districts Board are unable to acquire by agreement, and on reasonable terms, available land for the purposes for which they are herein-after authorised to acquire same, they may represent the case to the Land Commission, and the Land Commission shall inquire into such representation.

Inquiry by Land Commission.

3. If on any such representation the Land Commission is satisfied that available land for the purposes of this Act cannot be acquired on reasonable terms by voluntary agreement, they shall cause public inquiry to be made in the congested district, and direct notices to be given to the owners, occupiers, or lessees of the land proposed to be taken as may be prescribed, and all persons interested shall be at liberty to attend the inquiry, and to support or oppose the taking of such land.

Order by Land Commission.

4. On completion of the inquiry, and considering all objections, the Land Commission may make an order for putting into force, as far as respects the said land, or any part thereof, the provisions of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Acts with respect to the purchase and taking of land otherwise than by agreement.

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Petition to Privy Council and order thereon.

5. If the Land Commission refuse to make any such order, then the Congested Districts Board may petition the Privy Council in Ireland, and such Council may, after inquiry, make the order originally sought for, and such order shall have the effect of an Act of Parliament. 5

Application by occupiers of holdings in congested districts to Congested Districts Board.

6. It shall be lawful for the occupier of a holding in any congested district, where any landlord or owner, after application made to him, shall have refused to sell to such occupier available land on reasonable terms for enlarging the holding of such occupier, to apply to the Congested Districts Board, setting forth that 10 in the vicinity of the congested area there is land available for the enlargement of such holding, and which such occupier is willing to purchase, but which the landlord refuses to sell on reasonable terms, said Board may make an order that such available land should be purchased on behalf of such occupier in 15 accordance with the Land Purchases Acts and Land Law Acts, Ireland.

Short title.

7. This Act may be cited as the Congested Districts Board (Ireland) Amendment Act, 1898.

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